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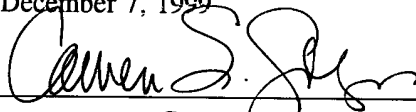
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, it is requested that the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in the above-identified application.

All the references cited herein have been cited in prior Information Disclosure Statements. Applicants have merely prepared and submit herewith full English translations of these prior cited references to supplement the disclosures thereof. Specifically, JP60-216549; JP61-216449; JP61-276233; JP01-136973; JP02-50963; JP02-67721; JP02-174123; and JP03-24259 were cited with abstracts only by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 3, 1994 (Patent No. 9). In fact, the JP '123 and JP '259 references are

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being asserted by the Examiner in this appeal. JP 57-94482 and JP 57-193291 were cited by Applicant in the IDS of September 7, 1996.

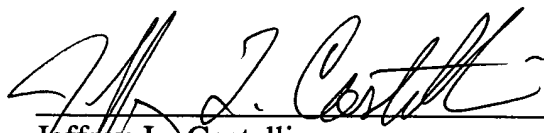
In addition, it should be noted that the U.S. counterpart to DE 3 407 089A1 is U.S. Patent No. 4,784,963. Both of these references were cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 3, 1994 (Paper No. 9).

Further, Applicants intend to further supplement the references of record in this case by providing a full translation of DE 3 925 085C1, ^{not provided} which was also cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 3, 1994, noted above.

Although a fee is not believed to be required in this instance since the submission is merely a supplement to prior cited reference, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (0756-945).

A copy of the supplements to the references cited herein is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a). Further, a Form PTO-1449 is included herewith to provide the Examiner with the means of acknowledging the submission of the supplemental translations.

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